

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-10 remain pending in the application. Claims 2, 11-19 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Applicants have taken the opportunity by this Amendment to obtain immediate allowance and issuance of this patent application. Since claims 1 and 3-10 are patentable as recited on page 9 of the outstanding final Office Action, immediate allowance of claims 1 and 3-10 are respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 12 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,557,762 to Tsai et al. The rejection is moot since claims 11, 12 and 17 are canceled by this Amendment.

Claims 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsai et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,016,207 to Wield. The rejection is moot since claims 13-16 have been canceled by this Amendment.

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsai et al. in view of Wield, and further in view of well known prior art. The rejection is moot since claims 18 and 19 have been canceled by this Amendment.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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